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Dear Examiner Mackey:

Attached is a Draft Response for 08/809,340.

Very truly yours,

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Application No.: 08/809,340) Date: July 8, 2002
5 Applicant: Pietro Padovani)
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For: "THERMOFORMING) Group Art Unit: 1722
10 APPARATUS FOR THERMO-) Our Ref: B-3289PCT
FORMABLE MATERIALS IN...") 615920-5/RAS/KST)
) Re: **DRAFT RESPONSE**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Sir:

This paper is a draft response to the Office Action mailed on March 12, 2002 for the above-referenced patent application and is being sent to the Examiner in preparation for a 20 telephone interview. Please enter the following amendments and remarks into the prosecution history of the above-mentioned application. All amendments and remarks herein are made without prejudice.

IN THE CLAIMS

25 Please amend Claims 5, 6, and 43. A clean version of all elected claims and claims dependent upon a generic claim, including those considered withdrawn from consideration are presented on pages 2 through 4 of this response. A marked version of Claims 5, 6, and 43 showing the changes made is attached as Appendix A.